दिल्ली में रूट परमिट प्रदान किए जाने हेतु दिल्ली कोआपरेटिव लेबर एंड कन्सट्रक्शन सोसायटी लिमिटेड द्वारा प्रस्तुत आवेदन-पत्र

2608. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक** : क्या **जल-भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान से स्टेट ट्रांसपोर्ट अथॉरिटी, दिल्ली कार्यालय को विकलांग तथा नेत्रहीन व्यक्तियों की बनी दिल्ली कोआपरेटिव लेबर एण्ड कन्सट्रक्शन सोसायटी लि॰ से जो दिल्ली प्रशासन द्वारा मान्यता प्राप्त है मिनी बस चलाने हेतु रूट परमिट देने के लिए कई आवेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि इन आवेदन पत्रों को निम्न स्तर पर ही दबाया जा रहा है ,

(ग) क्या सरकार निकट भविष्य में इस सोसायटी को एक रुट परमिट दिए जाने का विचार रखती है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नही, तो इसके क्या कारण है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट) : (क) दिल्ली प्रशासन ने सूचित किया है कि उन्हें दिल्ली कोआपरेटिव लेबर एण्ड कंस्ट्रक्शन सोसाइटी लि॰ से दिल्ली के भीतर और बाहर बडी और छोटी बसें चलाने के लिए रूट परमिट देने हेतु 20-9-87 और 22-10-87 के दो पत्र प्राप्त हुए है। पत्रों में मोटरयान अधिनियम, 1939 की धारा 46 के तहत यथा अपेक्षित विवरण नही दिए गए है जिससे उन्हें आवेदन पत्र समझा जा सके।

(ख) उपरोक्त को दृष्टि में रखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं होता ।

(ग) और (घ) आम नीति के रूप में मानक अंतर्राज्यीय बस सेवाएं चलाने के लिए सिर्फ दिल्ली परिवहन निगम को स्टेज कैरेज परमिट स्वीकृत किए जाते है।

Lack of Passenger Amenities in Railways

2609. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Statesman', Calcutta edition, of September 30, 1987 under the heading "Passenger amenities in railways lacking"; if so, whether representatives of FICCI met Railway authorites to discuss various amenities provided by it to passengers, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to provide better amenities to the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. A memorandum was received from the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry for providing certain additional passenger amenities for the passengers which are given in the Statement attached (See below).

(b) Railways have already provided a number of facilities mentioned in reply to part (a). Provision of amenities for the passengers is a continuing process. Improvements/additions are made within the funds available for this purpose.

Statement

1. Public Address System should be provided on all Superfast trains.

2. Items of luggage to be carried in the compartment should be restricted.

3. Unauthorised entry of short distance passengers in reserved coaches should be stopped.

4. Licensed porters should carry on their person certified printed cards showing porterage charges.

5. Adequate supply of drinking water in long distance Superfast trains as also on the platforms.

6. Luggage weighing machines should made available on all the departure platforms.

7. Passenger guides should be provided.

8. Revised fares on tickets should be shown by rubber stamp

9. Steps should be taken to avoid over-crowding at the railway stations.

10. Cushioned berths should be provided in all Express trains involving night journeys.

11 Quality of food and soft drinks supply in the trains should be improved.

12. A doctor should be available on the train to attend to emergent cases of sudden sickness of passengers.

13 Carriages should be thoroughly washed and cleaned before commencement of journey.

Dacoities in trains

2610. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a steady rise in the number of train dacoities in trains passing through and those running within the state of Bihar during the last six months;

(b) if so, what is the month-wise details of such incidents alongwith names of trains and persons killed and property looted in each case during the last six months,

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Railways does not give any financial compensation and the State Police too does not take any initiative to apprehend the culprits on the plea that incident happened within the trains; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) what are the circumstances under which any suitable solution of the problem could not be found out so that at least compensation for lives lost during rail journey could be paid by any of the authorities either state of Central Government; and

(e) what action Government propose to take in the matter, not only in case of incidents already taken place, but for future also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Since the information in respect of parts (a) and (b) is still being collected by the Ministry of Home Affairs, reply will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as the information/material is received from Ministry of Home Affairs.

(c) and (d) As far as Railways are concerned, the position is as under:

Regarding loss of luggage, Section 75 of the Indian Railway Act provides that "A railway administration shall not be responsible for the loss, destruction, damage, deterioration or non-delivery of any luggage belonging to a passenger unless a railway servan htas booked the luggage and given a receipt therefor and in the case of luggage which is carried by the passenger in his charge, unless it is also proved that the loss, destructions, damage or deterioration was due to the negligence or misconduct on the part of the railway administration or of any of its servants.

Regarding death or injury, according to section 82 A of Indian